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## NEWS RELEASE

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## **Idaho to Celebrate Investiture of Ninth Circuit Judge N. Randy Smith**

POCATELLO, Idaho – Circuit Judge N. Randy Smith of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will be formally invested into his judicial office in a public ceremony to be held August 8, beginning at 1 p.m., in the Stephens Performing Arts Center, Jensen Grand Concert Hall, 1002 Sam Nixon Ave., Pocatello.

Judge Smith, who makes his home in Pocatello and maintains chambers there, is the newest member of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, having been confirmed by a unanimous vote of the U.S. Senate on February 15, 2007. He is one of three Idahoans serving on the court.

Several hundred people are expected to attend the investiture ceremony, which will feature remarks by Lt. Governor and immediate past Gov. James Risch, U.S. Senators Mike Crapo and Larry Craig, Ninth Circuit Senior Circuit Judge Thomas G. Nelson of Boise, and Idaho Supreme Court Justice Linda Copple Trout. Also scheduled to speak are Max Hansen, Esq., of the ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary, and Dwight Baker, Esq., a member of the board of commissioners of the Idaho State Bar.

Judge Smith will receive the oath of office from Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Mary M. Schroeder, and be ceremonially assisted into his judicial robes by his wife, La Dean, and mother, Patricia S. Andreasen.

Judge Smith is a well known and respected jurist who served on the Idaho state court bench for a dozen years. He was appointed a district judge for Idaho's Sixth Judicial District in 1995, won reelection in 1998, 2002 and 2006, and served as the court's administrative judge from 2004 until his federal appointment. He has presided over more

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than 6,000 cases, including 50 trials and 100 appeals, and served as a mediator in some 700 state and federal cases. In 2003, he received the Idaho court system's George G. Granada Jr. Award for Professionalism, recognizing leadership and professionalism.

Born in Logan, Utah, Judge Smith received his B.S. degree in 1974 from Brigham Young University and his J.D. in 1977 from BYU's J. Reuben Clark School of Law. Prior to coming onto the bench, he practiced as a civil litigator with the law firm of Merrill & Merrill, focusing on corporate civil litigation and insurance defense cases.

Judge Smith also served as an adjunct professor in the management and political science departments of Idaho State University, where he has taught courses in business law, environmental law and judicial process. He was the first adjunct faculty member to be selected as the Outstanding Teacher by the university's College of Business, which presented him the award in 2005.

Other honors include Idaho State University's Statesman of the Year Award, given to him in 2005 for efforts to reduce crime and prevent recidivism.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Court is authorized 28 active judgeships and currently has one vacancy. The court hears appeals of cases decided by federal trial courts in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington, plus the U.S. Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. In 2006, the court reported 13,828 appeals filed.

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